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## Whoa, Nellie: McClung top pick for bill

### RECOGNITION

**Poll asks which  
woman should  
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**Braeden  
Jones**  
Metro | Winnipeg

Roughly one-in-four Canadians think Nellie McClung should be the first woman outside of the royal family to look back at them from a domestic banknote.

For obvious reasons, the chairperson of the Nellie McClung Foundation, Lila Goodspeed, would count herself among them; but she notes choosing McClung could also loan itself to a light-hearted nickname for

the bill.

"Coins have a name, so it could well be that (the new bill) does too," Goodspeed said. "You could do all kinds of things with a 'Nellie,' couldn't you? Something like: 'I'll bet a Nellie on that.'"

The Angus Reid Institute research group reached 1,517 Canadians through an online survey in May, and found 27 per cent would like to see McClung on

their money.

Among women, McClung was even more popular as 32 per cent named her as their top choice.

Her granddaughter, Caitlin McClung, said that support is indicative of how Nellie's legacy endures. "It

speaks to the universality of her values and the causes that she not just championed, but pioneered," she said.

A member of the Famous Five, McClung won recognition of women's legal status as "persons."

Runners-up included the first

woman to lead a Canadian political party, Thérèse Casgrain (19 per cent), and Elizabeth MacGill, the world's first female aircraft designer (18 per cent). Lucy Maud Montgomery (16 per cent), Emily Carr (16 per cent) and Viola Desmond (12 per cent) round out the top six.

A Bank of Canada committee is being entrusted with naming a female icon by 2018.

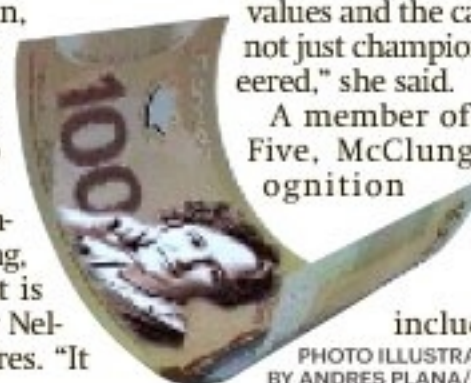


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## COUNCIL NOTES

### Pedestrian and cycling action plan to go ahead

Winnipeg City Council unanimously voted to pedal ahead on the 2016 pedestrian and cycling action plan, which will see \$6 million worth of studies and improvements made to walking and biking around the city. Many councillors praised the consultation process used to develop the plan, which saw several ward-specific projects changed at the request of councillors once it reached the committee level.

### Budget review process

Winnipeg council heard the 2017 budget review process is set to begin. Coun. Marty Morantz, chairperson of the city's finance committee, confirmed during Wednesday's question period that the budget review process would start soon, including discussions with various departments.

### Waste collection

Despite a plea from the organized labour sector not to proceed with private contractors, city council voted to move ahead with seeking new companies to collect waste in Winnipeg. An information report tabled at the meeting showed city staff intends to re-divide the new waste collection contracts into two zones, as compared to the current four.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

# Bus-to-rail switch plans still in works

## TRANSIT

### Private lands to be acquired later if needed, council hears



Stephanie Taylor  
Metro | Winnipeg

The city is still preparing for the potential conversion of bus rapid transit (BRT) to light rail transit (LRT), council heard Wednesday.

A report tabled at the meeting requested council approve the opening of University Crescent and Markham Road, located on University of Manitoba property, in order for the city to move ahead with construction of the second phase of its Southwest BRT line, expected to be complete by 2019.

Council voted in favour of the ask 14-1, with Coun. Russ Wyatt in opposition.

Outside council chambers, Wyatt called it a shame the city was not acquiring more of the adjacent undeveloped lands near the site to prepare for the potential of BRT-to-LTR conversion, rather than waiting for a future political decision to be made.

"They are not acquiring enough land to ensure that it could be easily converted



Mayor Brian Bowman speaks to reporters on Wednesday. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/METRO

**“They are not acquiring enough land to ensure that it could be easily converted to LRT.”**

Coun. Russ Wyatt

to LRT.”

“Why would we not want to secure those lands now instead of at a later date when

they may be developed and far more costly to us,” Wyatt said.

In an email circulated to media, the city's director of transit, Dave Wardrop, outlined the second stage of the BRT expansion was designed with a switchover from BRT-to-LRT in mind.

“Although some land acquisitions and conversion works may be required at the time of conversion, Stage 2 will be constructed with the minimization of those costs in mind,” he wrote.

Mayor Brian Bowman said introducing LRT would cost nearly double that of building BRT.

He said city officials still welcome the provincial and federal governments stepping up to foot that bill, estimated to be in the billions.

“We are proceeding with BRT right now, the lines are being developed so they can be converted at a later date should conditions change, including funding sources,” said Bowman.

## CITY COUNCIL

### Pot plan needed: Eadie

Coun. Ross Eadie (Mynarski) said at Wednesday's city council meeting that he believes the city should be doing more to prepare for the forthcoming legalization of marijuana, rather than waiting on legislation from the federal government.

He was one of two councillors who introduced a motion last fall, tasking city staff to study how retail pot shops, such as dispensaries and head shops, are regulated in other cities, such as Toronto and Vancouver. Two committees, and eventually council, voted on a recommendation made by the city's chief planner to postpone a report on regulatory measures until the drug was legalized.

“I have some concerns related to just sitting back, and waiting to find out, Madam Speaker, as to what the federal and provincial governments are going to do,” Eadie said.

“There will be a number of issues, Madam Speaker, still that we are going to have to deal with when it comes to marijuana,” pointing to the policing costs of new breathalyzers for those who drive high.

Coun. John Orlikow (River Heights-Fort Garry), chairperson of the committee on planning, property and development, reiterated that it is premature to examine regulations, but assured council that city staff are doing their research on police development around the issue.

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# Bike advocate enlightens council

SAFETY

**Cyclist points out proposed measures are already the law**



**Braeden Jones**  
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When Bike Winnipeg's co-chair Ian Walker rolled his bike up to City Hall Tuesday evening, he did so to shed some light on an issue up for debate: bike safety.

Coun. Russ Wyatt and the East Kildonan-Transcona community committee were poised to discuss ways to enhance cycling safety through new laws and requirements, including potentially requiring helmets, bells, and lights.

But unknown to the councillors — before Walker pointed it out — lights are



**Ian Walker pointed out to councillors that bike lights are already required.** BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

already required.

"Front and back, a white light on the front and red reflector or (light) in the back," he said.

He pointed to the Highway Traffic Act (HTA), which states "a bicycle or power-assisted bicycle shall be equipped with (both) a headlamp at the front that casts a white light; and a lamp or reflector at the back that casts a red or amber light."

And while he encourages helmet use for safety, Walker also debunked the myth that mandatory helmets for all ages would be a lifesaving move.

After doing a bit of research he found many studies fail to prove a helmet's efficacy in terms of saving lives; at least outside of how it almost definitely reduces cycling altogether.

One such study from the Ontario Public Health service — in one of five provinces with cycling laws — found mandatory bike helmet laws reduced bike trips by 13 per cent.

"Some people found that it wasn't cool to wear a helmet, they couldn't afford to have a helmet, therefore

decided to use another means of transportation," Walker said. "I was finding numbers in some studies as far as 40 per cent of a reduction.



Off the top of my head, it might make more sense to give out free bells to people.

Ian Walker

He also feels "it's been overstated that helmets save lives."

"It does certainly reduce head injuries," he said, but added the only way to really protect cyclists altogether is "separating cyclists from road traffic," as cars and drivers pose the most serious risk to cyclists' lives.

Wyatt agreed nobody wants to discourage cycling, but said it's a question of raising education and leading by example, and that if parents wear a helmet, kids will be more inclined.

But anyone under the age of 18 is already required to, also according to the HTA — since a 2013 update — and parents are required to make

sure of that.

The only current non-requirement Walker really supported was bells, but perhaps not as a law, as "it would be challenging to enforce."

"Off the top of my head, it might make more sense to give out free bells to people," he suggested. "It would cost a lot less money."

But in terms of safety, bells don't necessarily save cyclists either — Walker told the committee he uses his bell when he's on shared sidewalks and doesn't want to scare pedestrians.

The committee unanimously forwarded the matter back to administration to come up with potential rules that extend to cyclists of all ages.



**Reflectors, too, are already required.** BRAEDEN JONES/METRO



**The Bike Winnipeg co-chair is not convinced that helmets save riders, though he encourages everyone to wear one.** BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

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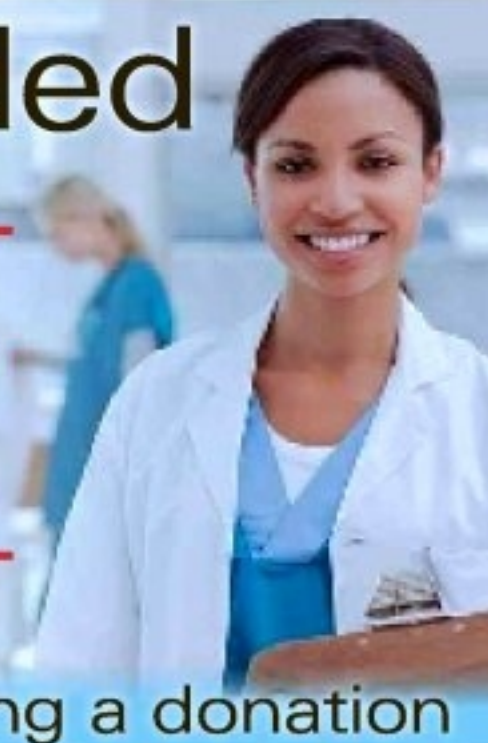
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# Deficit is 'alarming,' Tories say

## BUDGET

### Government exaggerates to push austerity, NDP claims

Manitoba's new Progressive Conservative government said the province is facing a \$1 billion deficit - 50 per cent higher than the deficit outlined in March by the previous NDP government.

Finance Minister Cameron Friesen said the NDP deliberately overstated revenue projections and exceeded budgeted spending.

While the NDP say the Tories are exaggerating the deficit to justify deep spending cuts, Friesen said the hole left by the previous government is almost unprecedented.

The "alarming" deficit — a jump of \$346 million from figures provided by the NDP in March — can't simply be explained by the economic downturn, Friesen said.

"It's not one isolated incident that we can point to,"

Friesen said Wednesday. "This is an overall failure to properly manage the finances of the province."

Friesen wouldn't provide any detail — which normally accompany a quarterly update and help explain the cost pressures driving up the deficit — but vowed transparency going forward.

"Our commitment to Manitobans is, we're going to keep them in the loop," he said, adding more will be forthcoming in the budget May 31.

"We'll give them this number today. We'll tell them more about our plan on the 31st."

Friesen wouldn't say exactly what impact the deficit will have on the Tory party's promises, including a target for balancing the books.

But he said the large deficit hasn't changed the government's determination to roll back the provincial sales tax hike brought in by the NDP in 2013. The previous NDP government, which was defeated last month, released a third-quarter update in March pegging the provincial deficit at \$666 million.

The update stated the province's economic growth had slowed to two per cent from 2.5, and tax revenue had declined by \$148 million.

At the same time, the government said it was spending \$57 million more on child welfare and \$49 million more on health care.

NDP finance critic James Allum said there is no reason to believe the Conservatives given they cannot explain how they reached the soaring deficit figure.

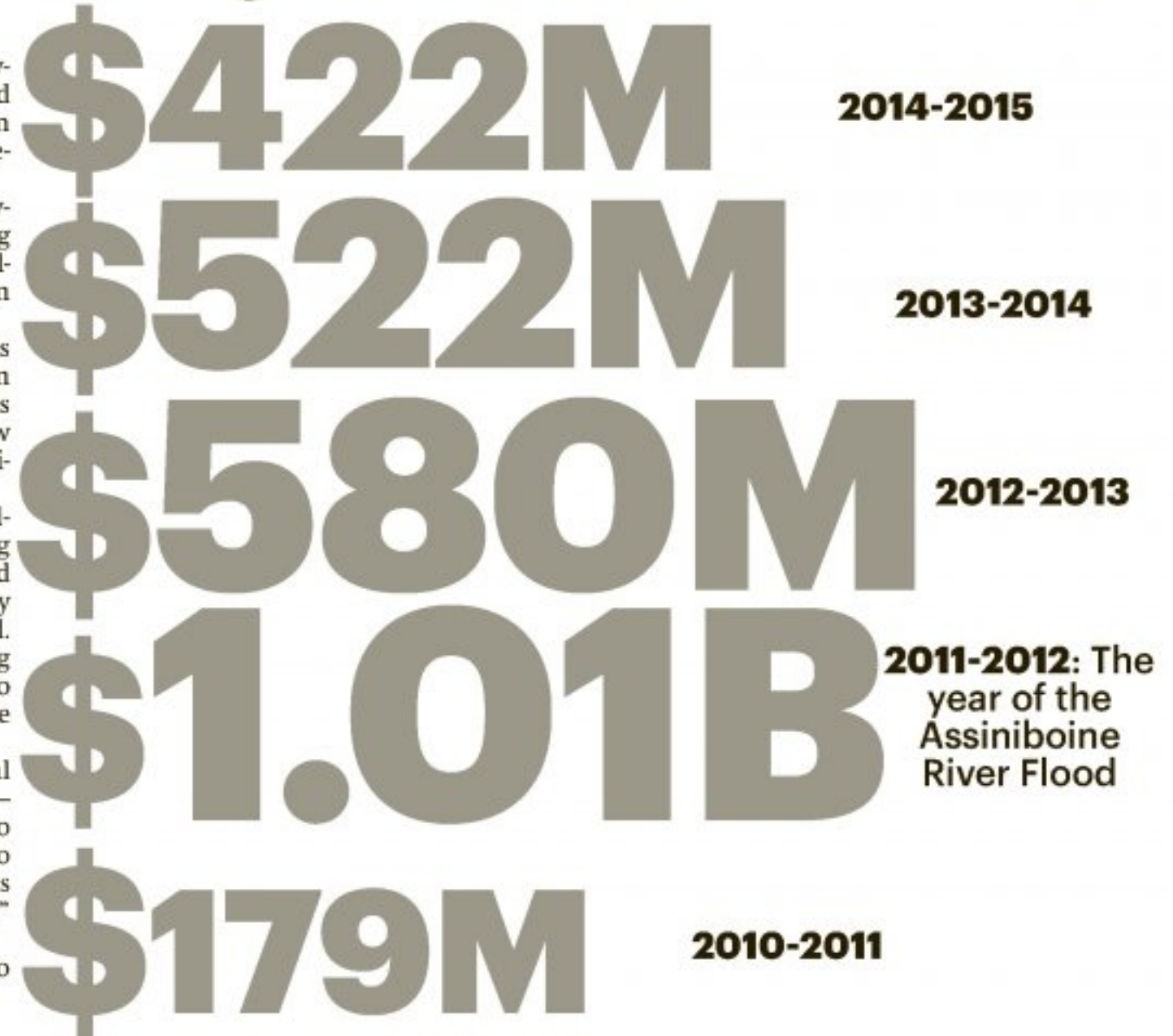
The lack of detail provided is particularly surprising from a party that was elected on promises of transparency and accountability, Allum said.

The Conservatives are using an overly inflated deficit to justify years of austerity, he said.

"This is the oldest political trick in the Tory playbook — to drive up the deficit with no information, no numbers, no detail and then set Manitobans up for massive cuts to come," Allum said.

"Manitobans are going to pay a very heavy price."

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# Health-care exempt from audit

## GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE

### Services won't be decreased as province aims to slash \$50M

A highly touted province-wide audit designed to cut \$50 million in Manitoba government spending won't include front-line health-care services, but that doesn't mean they will be spared.

The new Progressive Conservative government put out a tender Monday seeking someone to conduct the audit for no more than \$750,000.

The tender, which outlines the government's expectations, said the delivery of health-care services will not be included.

At about \$5.6 billion, health care makes up just over 40 per cent of government spending.

Premier Brian Pallister said health spending would be tackled in a separate review.

"A broader review of health-care expenditure is in order and we're going to be doing that," he said, adding he wants to hear from front-line workers. "I want that involvement big time."

The Tories made the audit a centrepiece of the party's successful election campaign in which it swept to power for the first time since 1999.

Pallister declared on the first day of the campaign "there are no sacred cows" when it comes to cutting government spending.

The tender said all spending other than health care should be assessed based on whether the costs are reasonable, give the most bang for the buck and achieve intended goals.

The audit is the first step to gain better control over the growth in government spend-

ing, the tender said.

"Core government spending has risen at a rate of 5.1 per cent annually over the past 10 years while core government revenues have grown at 3.8 per cent," the tender reads.

"Of particular concern is the degree to which actual spending growth exceeds planned growth."

The goal is to eliminate waste, duplication and to improve management controls.

NDP finance critic James Allum said the Progressive Conservatives won't be able to cut government spending without affecting front-line services.

The last time the Tories were in power, Allum said they cut front-line health care positions.

"They fired 1,000 nurses the last time they were in government and we fully expect them to go down the same path again, if not this year then next year," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Front-line health-care services will not be included in an upcoming audit. THINKSTOCK

## CITY HALL

### Dog park added to off-leash study

Residents asking to have an off-leash area allowed in Winnipeg's inner city where their pooches can run free will see their wish added to a larger study of the city's dog parks.

On Tuesday, the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan community committee referred a request made by the group Friends of a North End Dog Park, to work already slated to be done by staff in order to develop a city-wide master plan for off-leash areas.

Establishing a master plan was part of the 2016 budget, with \$100,000 allocated for the work.

Over the past few months around 1,100 residents have signed a petition, asking the city to designate an area of the Old Exhibition Grounds on Dufferin Avenue as an off-leash site.

Chairperson Ross Eadie said



North End residents may soon have their own off-leash dog park. GETTY IMAGES

on Tuesday evening that forwarding the request to the master plan was suitable because part of the overall study includes identifying areas that could be

future sites for dog parks.

The matter can next expected to be heard at the committee on protection, community services and parks. METRO

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## COURT

## Precedent set: old traffic ticket tossed

Wise Up Winnipeg is celebrating a landmark court decision the group calls a "trump card" for anyone with traffic tickets.

"It's setting a huge precedent," said anti-traffic ticket advocate Todd Dube.

The case involved a trial date set 18 months to the day after a Winnipeg woman was issued a speeding ticket on Oct. 27, 2014.

The week before the April 27, 2016 trial, the woman's lawyer argued the case should be dismissed for the delay.

Justice Mary Kate Harvie, who presided over the case, asked for time to consider the motion, and delivered her conclusion Wednesday.

In the written decision, Harvie said "institutional delays appear to have been the greatest contributor to delay."

A Supreme Court "flexible" guideline for assessing delay suggests a starting point of eight to 10 months, which Harvie admits the speeding ticket case exceeds.

Furthermore, the guidelines

include an assessment of the case's complexity.

Harvie said photo enforcement cases are simple and a period of just 2.5 months should be allowed for the "inherent time requirements of such cases."

"Even applying a time frame of eight to ten months to bring matters to trial, the delay in this matter far exceeds that period," Harvie concluded, adding such cases should wrap up "within four to six months of a plea being entered."

That decision, including how the delay in prosecution for the speeding ticket was unreasonable and represents a Charter violation, will be posted on law databases, which Dube said makes most tickets from the last two years unenforceable.

"It's undue process... you take this into court and you reference it, and it's a trump card," he said. "No traffic ticket should be prosecuted in traffic court right now with this precedent."

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### 18 months

The time between the traffic ticket issued and the trial date. Supreme Court guidelines suggest that delays should be 8-10 months, Justice Mary Kate Harvie ruled that a simple photo enforcement case should take far less than even that.

**"It's undue process... you take this into court and you reference it, and it's a trump card."**

Todd Dube



The Co-op on Main Street is being forced out because its lease won't be renewed, the general manager says. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

# Main Street Red River Co-op to close

## RETAIL

## Owners will not renew property's lease: Manager



Braeden Jones  
Metro | Winnipeg

The Red River Co-op grocery store on Main Street will be closing despite being there for only two years.

The store, which was taken over by Co-op in May of 2014,

is being forced out as the property owners refuse to renew the store's lease, says the general manager.

"We were hoping to maintain our four locations and looking to grow our presence in the city," said Doug Wiebe, in an advertising feature printed in the Winnipeg Free Press. "Main Street is a unique market for us. It's a smaller store, with lots of walk-in trade and very much a community store."

The community, in turn, is sad to see the Co-op grocer go.

Linda Streck, 63, has lived in the North End since the '70s, roughly a block from the

**"It's a smaller store, with lots of walk-in trade and very much a community store."**

Doug Wiebe

1441 Main St. store.

"It's crazy, I don't know why it would be closing already," she said, noting she's seen a few stores come and go from that location, but "this one's only been there for two years."

It's not a total grocery shopping loss, as there's still No Frills next door, but Streck said sometimes having the two competing stores was helpful for both comparison shopping and soon-to-be absent variety.

Co-op said it will fully close the store on June 30. The pharmacy will re-open across the street, according to Wiebe, and some of the 37 full and part-time staff will be moved to other Co-op locations.

Streck said the time spent between the pharmacy closing and re-opening could prove problematic, as she has medical issues and sometimes has a hard time getting around.

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# PM apologizes after Commons scuffle

POLITICS

## Trudeau is accused of 'manhandling'



**Rebecca Williams**  
Metro | Toronto

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and NDP Leader Tom Mulcair got into a heated exchange in the House of Commons on Wednesday as MPs gathered to vote on the Liberal government's controversial assisted-dying bill.

Video shows Trudeau taking the arm of Opposition Whip Gordon Brown in the crowd of MPs before the argument erupts.

Mulcair is shown yelling in the direction of Trudeau as the prime minister walks towards the NDP leader.

MPs then get between the two in apparent effort to separate them.



**Justin Trudeau and Tom Mulcair during the exchange in the House of Commons on Wednesday.** SCREENGRAB

Trudeau, who physically took Brown by the arm, later told the House that he was trying to help the Opposition Whip as MPs were blocking the whip from his seat.

NDP House Leader Peter Julian accused Trudeau of "manhandling" Brown and MP Ruth-Ellen Brosseau told the House that she had been "elbowed in the chest"

by the prime minister.

Trudeau got up to "apologize unreservedly" for the altercation.

Trudeau's apology was dismissed by the Opposition as a non-apology. NDP MP Niki Ashton suggested the shoving of Brosseau would qualify as assault outside the walls of Parliament. The Commons Speaker ruled that

**"I apologize for that unreservedly and I look for opportunities to make amends."**

Justin Trudeau

on its face, Trudeau's conduct was a breach of parliamentary privilege and referred it to the Commons procedure and house affairs committee, which could recommend Trudeau be sanctioned in some way.

Afterwards, Conservative and NDP House leaders stood together to denounce Trudeau's behaviour as disgraceful.

Former Speaker, Conservative MP Andrew Scheer said Trudeau "looked like he clearly lost his temper" when he charged down the aisle to move whip Brown along.

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JOHN MCCALLUM

## Minister calls his remarks 'insensitive'

Immigration Minister John McCallum says his suggestion there's a cultural element driving Syrian refugees to food banks was insensitive and he regrets it.

Food banks from Halifax to B.C. have reported serving hundreds of Syrians who have come to Canada since November, the month the Liberal government launched a major resettlement program to bring 25,000 people by the end of February and thousands more by the end of this year.

The question of why came up Wednesday at a Senate committee studying the refugee resettlement program and McCallum initially pinpointed two reasons: the fact refugees do not have

high levels of income upon arrival and something else.

"There may be a cultural element," he said. "You have to remember the refugees are coming from an entirely different world."

"Our world is very different than their world. Sometimes they have been living in refugee camps; maybe it's the norm to be offered meals. I'm not overly concerned about this."

But later Wednesday McCallum met with reporters outside the House of Commons to take back those remarks.

"The remark I made about food banks I think was insensitive so I regret having made that comment," he said.

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**Syrian refugees Ziad Zeina, left, and his wife Wafaa Al Safadi leave their new home in Queensland, N.S., on April 16.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Traumatized Chibok girl reunited with her mother

## NIGERIA

## 19-year-old is first to be recovered since kidnappings

One of the teenagers kidnapped by Boko Haram extremists over two years ago from a boarding school in northeastern Nigeria has been found with a baby and was reunited with her mother, a doctor said Wednesday — the first of the Chibok girls to be recovered since the mass abduction.

The 19-year-old woman, described by an uncle as traumatized by her experience, was found wandering with her baby on Tuesday on the fringes of the remote Sambisa Forest, which is located near Nigeria's border with Cameroon.

The news gave hope to the families of the 218 girls who



This image from video posted by Boko Haram purports to show the kidnapped Chibok schoolgirls. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

are still missing and may provide information as to their whereabouts.

But the young woman told her mother that some of the

Chibok girls have died in captivity and the others still are being held, according to her family's doctor, Idriss Danladi, who spoke to The Associated

Press after talking with the mother.

On April 14, 2014, Boko Haram stormed and fire-bombed the Government

Girls Secondary School at Chibok and seized 276 girls preparing for science exams. Dozens managed to escape in the first hours, but 219 remained captive.

The young woman is the first of those captives to be found since the kidnapping, which grabbed worldwide attention and put a spotlight on the violence of Nigeria's homegrown Islamic extremists.

"God reigns!" one of the founders of the Bring Back Our Girls movement, Oby Ezekwesili, trumpeted on social media. "OUR #ChibokGirl ... IS BACK!!!!!! #218ShallBe-Back because #HopeEndures."

At least 16 of the girls' parents have died since the kidnapping, Bitrus said.

The inability of Nigeria's government and military to rescue the girls led, in part, to last year's electoral defeat of President Goodluck Jonathan, who was seen as uncaring.

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## SOUTH AMERICA

## Two more quakes hit Ecuador

Two powerful earthquakes jolted Ecuador on Wednesday, causing one death and injuring dozens.

Neither appeared to have caused serious damage but the government decided to cancel school nationwide as a precaution. In Guayaquil, office workers fled into the streets after the second quake.

Both tremors were centred along the Pacific coast near the epicenter of last month's magnitude-7.8 quake and rattled homes as far away as the capital, Quito.

Wednesday's initial shake was a magnitude-6.7 quake that struck before 3 a.m., and that was followed by a 6.8 tremor around midday.

President Rafael Correa said one person died in Manabi province in confusing circumstances that were still being investigated. At least 85 people were injured, two of them seriously.

"These sorts of aftershocks are normal but that doesn't mean they're not scary and can cause damage," Correa said in a televised address after the first quake. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## CLIMATE

## Earth's heat is stuck on high

Thanks to a combination of global warming and an El Nino, the planet shattered monthly heat records for an unprecedented 12th straight month, as April smashed the old record by half a degree, according to federal scientists.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's monthly climate calculation said Earth's average temperature in April 13.7 C. That's 2 degrees (1.1 degrees warmer than the 20th century average and well past the old record set in 2010. The Southern Hemisphere led

the way, with Africa, South America and Asia all having their warmest Aprils on record, NOAA climate scientist Ahira Sanchez-Lugo said. NASA was among other organizations that said April was the hottest on record.

The last month that wasn't record hot was April 2015. The last month Earth wasn't hotter than the 20th-century average was December 1984, and the last time Earth set a monthly cold record was almost a hundred years ago, in December 1916, according to NOAA records.

"These kinds of records may not be that interesting, but so many in a row that break the previous records by so much indicates that we're entering uncharted climatic territory (for modern human society)," Texas A&M University climate scientist Andrew Dessler said in an email.

At NOAA's climate monitoring headquarters in Asheville, North Carolina, "we are feeling like broken records stating the same thing" each month, Sanchez-Lugo said.

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Two Sri Lankan landslide survivors stand on the mud holding their sandals in hand and look at the patch visible on a mountain after a landslide in Elangipitiya village in Aranayaka north east of Colombo, Sri Lanka, on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# 'I could not believe my eyes'

SRI LANKA

## Rescuers pull bodies from mud after huge landslides

Soldiers and police used sticks and bare hands Wednesday to dig through enormous piles of mud covering houses in three villages hit by massive landslides in central Sri Lanka, with hundreds of families reported missing.

By evening, rescuers had pulled 17 bodies from the mud and debris unleashed by several days of heavy rain across the island nation. Officials said the extent of the tragedy was still unclear, but the Sri Lankan Red Cross said at least 220 families were unaccounted for.

"The task is to figure out what happened to them," the Red Cross said in a statement, noting that some people may have left after local officials warned earlier this week of possible

landslides.

Heavy fog, rain, electrical outages and the loose ground were complicating efforts to search for survivors. As night fell, the rescue operation was suspended until dawn. Officials warned that, with rain still falling, more landslides could occur in the area.

Villagers said torrents of muddy water, tree branches and debris came crashing down around their homes Tuesday in the three villages, located at different heights on the same hill in Kegalle District, about 72 kilometres (45 miles) north

hit. "I opened my door. I could not believe my eyes, as I saw something like a huge fireball rolling down the mountain."

Near the village of Elangipitiya — furthest down the hill — soldiers carried bodies to a school, where families waited for news of missing loved ones.

Farmer Hewapelage Lal said he had identified the body of his nephew, but that 18 other family members were possibly buried under the mud. He and his wife had left their home to take fruit to a daughter who lived elsewhere, but at some point his wife turned back.

**"I saw something like a huge fireball rolling down the mountain. A.G. Kamala"**

of Colombo.

"I heard a huge sound like a plane crashing into the Earth," said 52-year-old A.G. Kamala, who had just returned to her house in one of the villages, Siripura, when the landslides

"That was the last time I saw her," Lal said, sobbing. When he heard of the landslide, he rushed home but found the area covered with thick, heavy mud. "All I could do was scream."

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# Tax goof may cost feds 1.43 million

## MONEY

## Lost interest may result from moving deadline ahead

The taxman had to forgo as much as \$1.5 million in interest when the Canada Revenue Agency extended last year's tax filing deadline after mistakenly giving the wrong date.

Agency officials estimated that moving the income-tax returns deadline to May 5, from the usual April 30 midnight deadline, meant \$1.43 million in lost interest from Canadians who filed their taxes late over those five days, according to documents released under the Access to Information Act.

The information comes more than a year after Torstar News Service first requested details about the error that likely resulted from repeating an old message, or possibly copying and pasting information from

2014, when a five-day extension was granted to taxpayers due to a hacking incident.

The \$1.43-million figure assumes all tax payments — totalling \$2.09 billion — were late by five days, based on a five-per-cent interest rate, but the CRA said it has no way of knowing what the true financial impact was. By May 6, it had received 24.7 million individual tax returns, in line with projections.

The \$1.43-million estimate was provided to show "a worst-case scenario," CRA spokesman David Walters said in an email.

"It is not possible to determine the exact cost as we do not know when individuals would have filed and paid their taxes, if the extension had not been granted," Walters said.

Last April, the agency did not disclose cost implications, stating that "given the extended period is short, and most taxpay-

### 24.7M

Number of individual tax returns the CRA received by May 6, in line with projections.

ers filed by April 30, the costs resulting from the filing extension will be negligible."

Immediately after the deadline was extended, Torstar News Service filed two separate requests for information under the Access to Information Act. One asked for the financial implications of lost revenue related to the extension, which was released last week as part of 38 pages of documents, while the other asked how the mistake was made and discovered.

That request is still outstanding, though the released documents hint at how the error was made.

Even though income taxes are due April 30 annually, the CRA has a long-standing practice of giving Canadians who file electronic returns a five-day grace period in case of transmission problems or technical difficulties. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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## CHANTAL HÉBERT ON MARYAM MONSEF



### The minister in charge of fulfilling the promise of a new voting system has failed to offer any evidence that her government has an agenda other than having its own way with the electoral process.

In parliamentary politics, little is more self-defeating than a minister who consistently insults the intelligence of his or her critics. Sooner or later the approach inevitably backfires.

For a case in point one only need to look at the last Parliament.

Former GTA MP Paul Calandra rose to fame in the House of Commons as Stephen Harper's last parliamentary secretary at a time when the Senate scandal was in full swing. In that capacity, he would usually take questions from the opposition leaders when the prime minister was away.

Obfuscation was Calandra's specialty. He seemed to take pride in turning question period into a gong show. In no time his desk became the place where issues of substance came to die.

For those with short memories, here is the answer he offered in response to a Liberal query about the Senate in December 2013: "I ask the Liberal party to join with us in protecting the citizenship of Santa Claus, join with us in making sure the North Pole remains part of Canada. For all of those kids around the world who are depending on Santa Claus, I ask them to abandon their ideas and stick with us, and keep Santa Claus

**Like Paul Calandra before her, Monsef is prone to explanations that defy logic. The difference is she does it with a smile.**

Canadian."

This is just one of a tiresome number of examples. At one point a website devoted to Calandra quotes was created. There was never a

other than having its own way with the electoral process.

Pressed by the opposition parties, she has defaulted to bromides. Like Calandra, she



**Democratic Institutions Minister Maryam Monsef** in question period on Wednesday. Monsef's proposed electoral reform committee has been under fire from some who claim it's been designed for partisan advantage. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

shortage of new material to refresh it. By the time he lost his seat last October, he had become the poster boy for the Conservative government's disdain for the contribution of the opposition parties to the parliamentary debate.

There is not yet a match for Calandra on the Liberal side in the House of Commons but Democratic Institutions Minister Maryam Monsef is auditioning for the role.

For the better part of a week, the minister in charge of fulfilling Justin Trudeau's promise of a new voting system in time for the 2019 election has failed to offer any concrete evidence that her government has an agenda

is prone to explanations that defy logic. The difference is Monsef does it with a smile.

Her proposed electoral reform committee is to be dominated by the Liberals. It will report to a House where a Liberal majority calls the shot. On the notion that the government is stacking the decks in its partisan favour, most independent outsiders concur with the opposition. But Monsef maintains that the fate of the reform is in the hands of all MPs. It's clear the opposition is free to propose as long as it is the Liberals who dispose.

In response to Conservative calls for a referendum to be held prior to the introduction

of a different voting system the minister initially offered a tally of tweets on the issue of electoral reform. Had she read them Monsef might have found a groundswell of opposition to her chosen process.

Alternatively the minister argues that a plebiscite is not an effective option to sound out Canadians on the way forward because some voters would decline to participate. The underlying contention is that summer-long government-controlled parliamentary hearings and town halls are more inclusive. It is an unsustainable proposition.

By offering asinine answers to questions that resonate well beyond the opposition benches of the Commons Monsef has so far succeeded in burning bridges where she should have been building some. Even before it has gotten underway the Liberal electoral reform process is largely discredited.

It would be tempting to put this train wreck to the inexperience of a rookie minister but a government can count on the benefit of the doubt for only so long.

In the case of Calandra, for instance, observers did initially wonder whether he might not simply be out of his depth.

But at some point the answer ceased to matter, for no government minimally respectful of Parliament would have allowed its affairs to be conducted in such a farcical manner. The same will soon be true of Monsef's disingenuous handling of the electoral reform file.

**Chantal Hébert** is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

### If we're really going to legalize pot, we need to own up to a few things

Dear pot smokers: Please don't f---k this up.

We are on the verge of legalization. This is a pivotal moment in our country. And some of you — actually statistically about half of you — are ruining it. In a recent survey, conducted by State Farm, 44 per cent of marijuana users said they don't think the drug impacts their ability to drive a car.

Come on, you'd have to be high to believe that. I'm a little sad to have to spell this out for you, but if pot didn't have an effect on your brain, you wouldn't use it. It might be green and fuzzy like a muppet, but it's a drug. Please treat it like one.

At least agree that limits to THC levels, as with blood alcohol, are good. Perhaps you need evidence: While much more research needs to be done on marijuana and its impact on the body (and undoubtedly will be, once pot is legalized), a 2009 meta-analysis from Yale and a 2015 study from the National Institute on Drug Abuse in the U.S. both showed that being stoned makes you a worse driver. If that surprises you, please re-read from the beginning. Maybe you got distracted by a flea.

The whole saviour complex some of you have with weed really needs to stop. You can't advocate for its

medical effectiveness on one hand, and its lack of bodily effects on the other. You know the cliché that stoners are dumb? Please don't give it statistical grounding. For example, don't say, as 20 per cent of you did in the survey, that you will never stop driving high.

Also — please consider a different spokesperson than can usually be found at a 420 rally: the middle-class rasta wannabe college white guy with a phallic joint the size of a banana.

That guy is not the reason this country needs to legalize pot. His individual desire to get baked pales in comparison to our country's need to save the estimated \$1.2 billion we spend every year enforcing marijuana-possession laws. Or our need to avoid tens of thousands of arrests, and the impact they have most especially on people who can't afford a slick lawyer and those racially targeted by police. Nevermind how unimportant rasta-dude's carefree toking is compared to someone's search for relief from chronic pain.

You know that feeling when you're out of rollies? That's how I feel right now. Disappointed. Pot legislation is only a year away. I should be feeling good. Please stop crushing my vibe.

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Thursday, May 19, 2016

## Metro's WILDERNESS SURVIVAL GUIDE

**The Victoria Day long weekend is the unofficial kickoff to summer and a tempting time to venture out on excursions. But what if things don't go as planned?**

LIZ BROWN/METRO

The wilderness is, well, wild. And given the chance, it will try very hard to kill you. It's an easy thing to forget as you pack for an outdoor adventure surrounded by the comforts of civilization.

Metro spoke to Nick Buck, head instructor of the British Columbia-based survival school Survival In Canada who shared a few simple tips for what to do when your wilderness adventure travels up—t creek.



### SHARE YOUR PLANS

Let people know about your trip. "You can't get lost if people know where you are," says Buck. Write down the details and give them to friends or family members. Include when you're leaving, where you're going, your planned routes and when you expect to be back. Let these people know you'll call them when you return and if you don't call them, they're to call you. "If a rescue party does need to go out and search for you at least they'll know where to look," says Buck.



### YOU'RE LOST

Stop and stay calm. "You're probably not as lost as you think you are," says Buck. Mark the spot where you're standing with ribbon and then wander around the local area looking for the trail you've lost while continuously keeping the ribbon in sight. If you can't find the trail or figure out where you're supposed to be going, you'll need to hunker down and wait for someone to find you. "The good news is 90 per cent of survival situations are resolved within 72 hours," he says.



### YOU'RE HYPOTHERMIC

According to Buck, the biggest risk people face in a survival situation is hypothermia. "Your body operates in a narrow temperature band and if it's out of that band for about three hours then you're in trouble," he says. If you're wet, change into dry clothes and focus on starting a fire.



### YOU NEED SHELTER

A shelter from the wind and rain is crucial for preventing hypothermia as well. It doesn't need to be fancy. Tie paracord between two trees and hang a clear plastic drop sheet over the top about one metre away from your fire to create a makeshift tent. Buck recommends clear plastic because it captures the heat from the fire and creates a 'microclimate.' "I've stayed in a shelter like this overnight in -27 degrees Celsius," he says.

## THE FIVE Cs OF SURVIVAL

(DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT THEM)



**1 Cutting device:** A pocket knife

**2 Combustion device:** Buck recommends bringing and learning to use a ferro rod (a man-made metallic rod that produces sparks when scraped across a rough surface) and packing cotton pads and petroleum jelly. "You make a sandwich out of two cotton pads and a blob of petroleum jelly and light one spark on it and it'll burn for 10-15 minutes," he says. This gives you time to get wood burning.

**3 Cordage:** Paracord can be purchased at any outdoor supply store and makes building a shelter easy. Learning to tie a few knots can come in handy, too.

**4 Container:** A metal (not plastic) canteen for carrying and boiling water.

**5 Cover:** A clear plastic drop sheet for building a shelter. Buck also recommends bringing a couple of garbage bags that can be stuffed with leaves to create a makeshift mattress to prevent the loss of body heat from lying directly on the cold ground.

### OTHER MUST-HAVE EMERGENCY ITEMS:

- A water filter like a Life Straw or water purification tablets
- A change of dry clothes, stored in a dry bag or freezer bag
- Ribbon to mark the trail in case you get lost



### YOU NEED WATER

Boiling water will kill all biological pathogens, so you need to carry a metal canteen that can be heated. Carrying chlorine tablets or a portable water filter like a Life Straw is also a good idea. "You can survive about three days before you die of dehydration," says Buck.



### YOU NEED FOOD

"Food is your last concern," says Buck, adding humans can survive an average of three weeks in the wild without food. "And forget the Rambo bulls—t, you're not going to be hunting and skinning wild animals to cook on a stick," he says. Pack an emergency stash of high energy foods like trail mix and protein bars. Buck also recommends learning to identify the "three plants that will mess you up" and the three plants you can eat in the area where you will be travelling.



# An account that can't just be deleted

INTERVIEW

## Lindy West is ready to leave Twitter after facing her past

**Sue Carter**  
For Metro Canada



When Lindy West was young, there were few signs that she would grow up to become a vocal feminist icon, online warrior and activist for the fat-acceptance movement.

That's one of the few surprises in her debut book, *Shrill: Notes from a Loud Woman*, in which West describes how she evolved from a clinically shy "terror-stricken mouse person" who peed her pants in Grade One out of fear of asking to go to the washroom, to an "unflappable human vuvuzela."

Written with West's signature wry comedic style, *Shrill* is both a heartfelt memoir and a passionate manifesto, revealing much more of her emotional life and, by extension, her vulner-

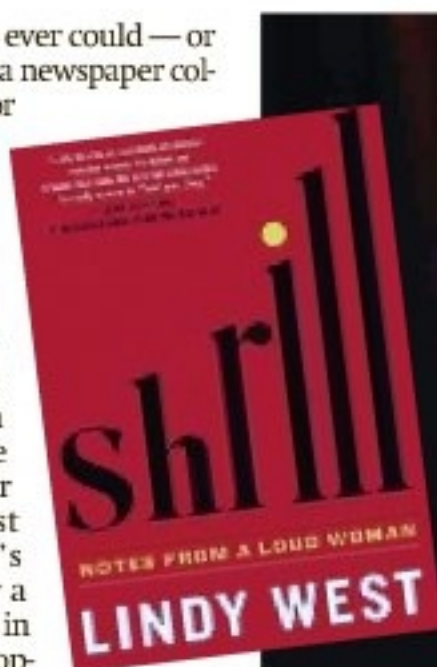
ability than she ever could — or wanted to — in a newspaper column, blog post or tweet.

"I've written really personal things, but never quite this personal. Writing a memoir really gives you permission to dig into the viscera of your own life," West says. "There's not necessarily a place to do that in political and pop-culture writing. So okay, I'm going to analyze and tackle myself."

As her own subject, the Portland writer had to research her life, reliving some painful times, including the death of her beloved father.

When West found her childhood diary, it took her about four months just to crack it open.

"I didn't want to confront those feelings," she says. "I didn't want to discover that I was wrong about the way I remember things because that's a weird, disorienting feeling. But you have to



Feminist icon Lindy West refused to give in to the social media trolls. COURTESY JENNY JIMENEZ

fact-check your life."

Equally as painful are the book's descriptions of the vitriol she experiences as a Twitter celebrity. West's success has risen with online culture, from her time as a columnist at feminist website Jezebel back to her early days as a film critic for the Seattle alternative newspaper *The Stranger*, working under famed

editor Dan Savage.

A chapter in the book details a challenging time in their relationship during which West called him out for his views on fat women (Savage has since come around and now consults West and others on being sensitive toward the topic before writing.)

To say that West has a complicated relationship with the inter-

net is a giant understatement.

Her views on topics like misogyny in stand-up comedy and abortion have made her a constant target for trolls who attack her with gleeful violence. But *Shrill* makes clear that despite their efforts and the effect it's had on her life, West has landed on top. Which is perhaps why she is contemplating giving up Twitter

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**I'm curious to know what it would feel like to not have a constant drip of toxicity into my arm 24/7**

Lindy West, on Twitter

and more than 68,000 followers. "I'm really ready to be done. I didn't want to quit at the height of being trolled and harassed because that's what they want. But I don't know that it adds much to my life anymore," says West. "I don't think that's good for me or my career anymore, and I'm curious to know what it would feel like to not have a constant drip of toxicity into my arm 24/7."

Even if West disappears from social media, don't expect she'll give up the fight, or writing.

"I have lots and lots of choices and no plans," she says. "It's a fun place to be. The future is all opportunity."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

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## BACKLASH

## So, who you gonna troll? Ghostbusters slimed online

It seems a certain creepy corner of the Internet is determined to slime the new Ghostbusters.

On a pretty spring day, many people opted to stay inside and devote their time to organize a mass down-voting protest of a new YouTube trailer for the all-female comedy reboot, due in theatres on July 15.

The first trailer is the most-disliked movie trailer in YouTube history and just hours after the new clip was posted on Wednesday, its dislikes outpaced likes by a 5:1 ratio.

Does the proton pack have a setting for Internet trolls?

The film's zealous critics would have us believe that their indignity has nothing to do with the casting of four women — Melissa McCarthy, Kristen Wiig, Kate McKinnon and Leslie Jones — as the titular spectre-collaring quartet.

And it didn't help that the first trailer was a mostly humourless CGI airhorn blast that even McCarthy deemed "confusing." Filmmaker and geek-culture pundit Kevin Smith also attacked that trailer, concluding: "It could've been all men with the same jokes, and it still would have sucked."

### 804,000

By Wednesday afternoon, the first Ghostbusters trailer had received over 804,000 dislikes on YouTube.

Well perhaps, but would the Internet still be overcome with petulant rage if that were the case? It wasn't that bad. As ScreenCrush pointed out, everyone hated the most recent Fantastic Four, and its dreary trailer still managed 40,700 likes to 7,400 dislikes.

A journey into the always-dangerous waters of online comments reveals how much of the bad psychokinetic energy is still etched firmly down gender lines. One of the most-liked comments on IGN, for instance, reads: "I want to see a male version of Bridesmaids, because of equality and all that."

Angry men have haunted the film since the moment its all-female cast was announced, so it requires a paranormal suspension of disbelief to think this has nothing to do with gender.

"It just seems so ridiculous. There were men literally saying their childhoods were going to be ruined — legit men, not children," said feminist blogger Anne Thériault with a laugh on Wednesday. "It was definitely a thing that was happening before the trailer. With all-female comedies specifically," she added, "that's usually what men are upset about: they don't think women are funny."

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Melissa McCarthy and her all-female cast have sparked lots of internet outrage. CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## The perils of falling in love with a killer



Illustration from *This Is Not My Life*, by Diane Schoemperlen, who had a romantic relationship with an inmate at Kingston Penitentiary while he was serving a life sentence for second-degree murder. RAFFI ANDERIAN/ILLUSTRATION

## INTERVIEW

### Memoir tells of love with prison bars between

Acclaimed writer Diane Schoemperlen doesn't know exactly why she fell in love with a murderer.

"Why do you love anybody?" she says in an interview. "It's not rational, it's not logical."

As she writes in her new book, *This Is Not My Life: A Memoir of Love, Prison, and Other Complications*, Schoemperlen didn't intend on getting into a nearly six-year relationship with a federal inmate — identified by a fake name, Shane — in Kingston, Ont.

They met while he was serving a life sentence for second-degree murder in a minimum-security prison, which allowed inmates to do escorted work in the community. Schoemperlen, who won a 1998 Governor General's Literary Award for *Forms of Devotion*, met him while volunteering at a hot-meal program where he worked in the kitchen.

"I grew up in the working class and perhaps that does help a person to not be judgmental," says Schoemperlen, who was raised in Thunder Bay, Ont.

"I don't look at people and judge them by what they have or what kind of cars they drive. ... I think also being a writer, I hope that means that I can look beyond the surface and beyond the labels."

Schoemperlen writes that Shane was intelligent, funny and an avid reader. In his late 50s, he was also handsome and had a tattoo of a teardrop under

his eye.

They became close when she volunteered to be one of his driving escorts to and from the Frontenac Institution on his community work days.

The two started carrying on conversations by phone. Within a year, they'd struck up a relationship.

When Shane was granted day parole three decades after first being convicted, they were able to take their relationship to the next level. But Schoemperlen eventually realized it wasn't a good situation for her — and that the outside world wasn't an easy place for Shane.

"I didn't really understand what institutionalization actually meant and that the skills that a prisoner learns that help him survive in prison are the exact opposite of what he needs to do to survive out here," says Schoemperlen.

"So that's something that I would say to all women who are with prisoners. I believed mistakenly that as soon as he got out, a lot of the problems would be solved. How naive was that?"

"Because in fact everything got worse and I didn't understand how hard it was for him. I didn't understand that his coming out into the so-called free world after 30 years in prison was as scary and shocking and weird as if you or I suddenly ended up being sent

to prison tomorrow."

Schoemperlen advises others in such a relationship to "be careful and try to think clearly."

"No matter how much you love him, you may not be able to make the relationship work, because you're fighting not only whatever issues he might have personally but you're also fighting the damage that has been done to him, particularly if he's served a long sentence by being in prison."

Schoemperlen says she hasn't had any contact with Shane since their relationship ended, so she doesn't know if he has read or will read the book.

She wanted to write it to disprove the stereotypes about prisoners and the people who fall in love with them.

She also wanted to address the politics surrounding the prison system in Canada.

"I hope that one of the things people will get from this is that we should all care about the prison system, if only because 99 per cent of the people who are in prison right this minute are going to get out some day and they're going to come into our communities," she says.

"And if they haven't had proper programming and psychological help along the way, there are going to be more crimes and there are going to be more victims." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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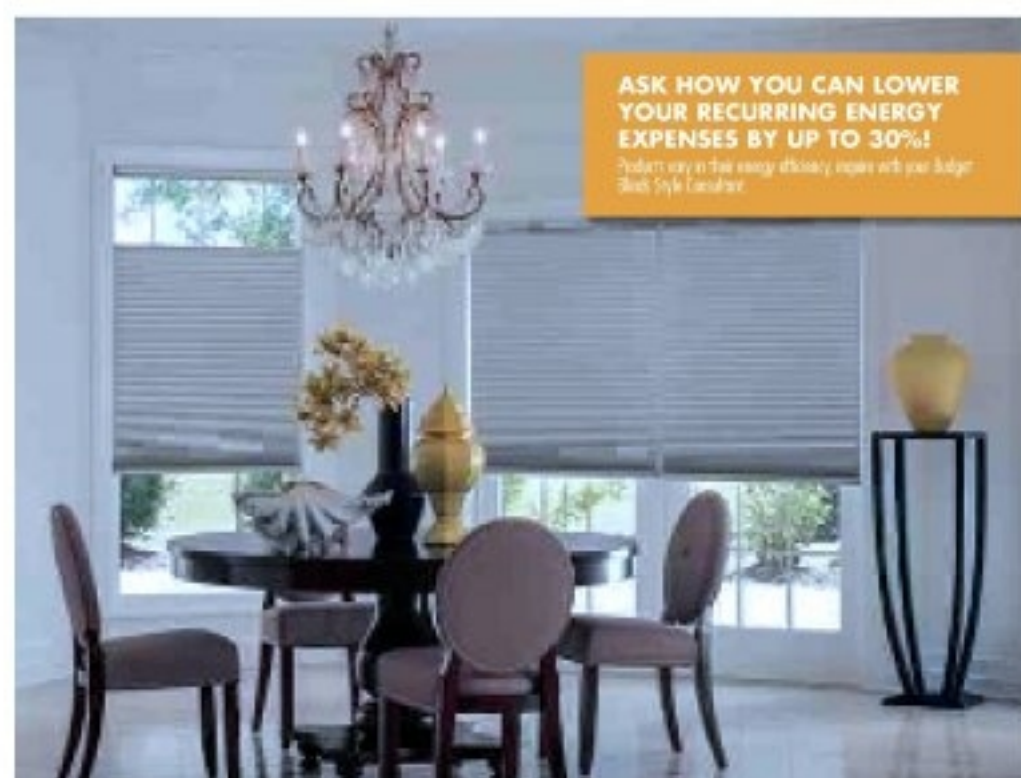
This quiet neighbourhood offers all the conveniences of a residential setting while a major service centre is only a few minutes away. Garden City Shopping Centre offers all the amenities along with restaurants and services. Seven Oaks General Hospital is adjacent to the neighbourhood with The Wellness Institute next door.

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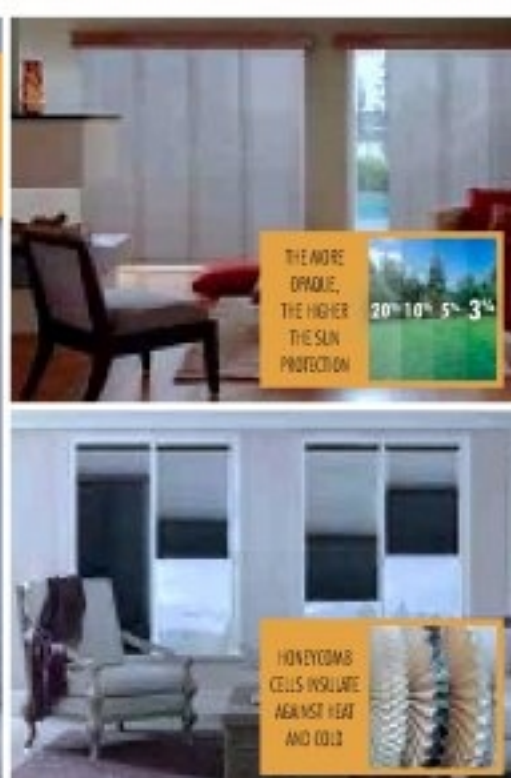
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## 5 BEST HERBS TO GROW IN YOUR GARDEN

Expert gardener and author Mark Cullen is no cook, but he sure knows how to grow things! Here, he shares his tips on the top five herbs to have in you garden and what you need to know about how to grow them.

MARK CULLEN/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



### 1 Basil

Experienced gardeners and cooks will know this is a no-brainer. Of course basil is No. 1 on my list. It is versatile as a culinary herb and it grows easily, given certain conditions. The first is the need for sunshine. In its native India, it receives more than a lot of heat and sunshine. Basil is a frost tender annual. You can start the seeds now or you can pick up small plants at your garden retailer. Keep them in your sunniest window until the end of May before you plant them out. Basil is an excellent container plant. Plant it in a quality planting mix and don't reuse the soil from last year as it is tired out. Put the old planting mix in the garden and work it in the existing soil.



### 3 Rosemary

This is an appetite stimulant. If you find yourself without one (an appetite) just run your hands through a rosemary plant and inhale the aroma as you activate the essential oils on the plant. Give it a few minutes and you will be ravenous. Rosemary grows well in containers and when you clip its foliage for use in the kitchen it just gets thicker and better looking. Don't plan on keeping it over the winter, even though it is defined as a perennial woody herb.



### 4 Chives

If you are the person I keep meeting who says, "I can't grow anything," this is for you. Everyone can grow chives. Sow seeds directly into a container or plant store-bought versions right into the garden or containers. Chives are winter hardy. The last clump I planted, I stole from the compost heap at the community garden near me. A nice lady with a dog let me in.



### 2 Dill

Dill is a cinch to grow in any spot in the garden with a minimum of six hours of sunshine. It prefers an open, fertile soil but is not all that fussy. Avoid clay-based soil. The big challenge to growing dill is to avoid hoeing it out when you are weeding. Harvest the leaves as the plant matures for fish dishes and the seeds make great pickles. To grow it next year, just let some of this year's crop drop its seeds. You will have dill for life.



### 5 Parsley

Technically this is a biennial. It grows for two years and then dies. I have good luck with it in the garden and in containers. It is unusual in that it only needs four hours of sun to do well. Look for the classic curly leafed parsley for garnishing any dish, or to add to a salad or soup. Italian parsley is tougher, grows more quickly, and is useful in cooking. I don't recommend it raw, though no doubt someone eats it that way.



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# Adding a tropical punch this season

Furnishings and accessories made of tropical plant and tree fibers started to appear in the fall, in modern vintage and midcentury pieces. That trend has expanded for spring and summer to wall coverings, textiles and rugs printed with imagery drawn from the jungle, beach and rainforest. **STORY AND IMAGES BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



## 1 Prints and soft touches

A palm-printed pillow can freshen a sofa or chair. You'll find a collection of throw pillows and shower curtains with big, bold palm-leaf prints at H&M Home. "There can be an element of late '70s/early '80s kitsch to it," says Joss & Main's style director Donna Garlough. "I recently watched a rerun of 'Golden Girls' and laughed my head off over all the tropical elements on that set that have come back into vogue, from the rattan furniture to the macrame plant hangers. Blanche even had that famous palm wallpaper in her bedroom." **Playful toucans peek out from behind bamboo branches on a whimsical, tropical print throw pillow from H & M Home. A vintage style palm leaf print graces a chic throw pillow from H&M Home. [handm.com](http://handm.com)**



## Texture 2

Add a few inexpensive rattan pieces to your home. The textures contrast nicely with contemporary furniture's trim lines, and bring homey charm to more bohemian spaces. Rattan also works as a foil for both bright and neutral hues.

**Seagrass fibers are woven together to create a smart little ottoman as shown. The textural piece adds a touch of the tropics to spring and summer decor. [dotandbo.com](http://dotandbo.com)**

## 3 Playful

Overstock.com has Tommy Bahama's Tropical Hibiscus throw pillow and a chic white pineapple table lamp. Flamingo-printed sheets bring the theme into the bedroom, and the pink bird struts across a preppy-striped rug.

**A pink flamingo struts across a preppy striped rug shown here from Overstock.**

**Bedding with a fun flamingo print is shown and is an easy way to introduce tropical decor.**

**A white ceramic pineapple lamp, shown, is a chic accessory that brings a touch of the tropics into a space. [Overstock.com](http://Overstock.com)**



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# Jets fans, staff keep their eyes on Laine at Worlds



**VIEW FROM THE 300S**  
**Andrew 'Hustler' Paterson**

While the Stanley Cup play-offs continue with the conference finals, many Winnipeg Jets fans have turned their focus to what is happening in Russia at the IIHF World Championships.

The Jets were already going to be well-represented at the event, but winning the second pick in the April 30 draft lottery ramped up interest in the tournament.

With the top two prospects for the NHL draft, Auston Matthews and Patrik Laine, both playing in the tournament, it has been a rare opportunity for fans and scouts to view these young blue chip talents competing with and against top NHL players in advance of the draft.

Most of the attention from Winnipeg has been on 6'4" Finnish winger Laine, for a couple of reasons.

It seems all but a given that the Leafs, needing a number one centre, will be picking Matthews, while Laine has continued to give reason for increased consideration before anointing Matthews the number one pick. Assuming the Leafs take Matthews, the Jets will



**Patrik Laine, left, and the Finns beat Canada 4-0 in St. Petersburg, Russia, Tuesday. The Winnipeg Jets' coaching staff have eyes on Laine, who could become a Jet in the upcoming draft if they like what they see.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

have a choice between Laine and fellow Finn Jesse Puljujarvi, who starred at the U-18 championships in Grand Forks a few weeks ago but is not on the roster for the Worlds in Russia.

Laine came into the World Championships off of an MVP performance in leading his Tappara Tampere squad

to a Finnish league championship. He immediately found himself on Finland's top line with NHLers Sasha Barkov and Jussi Jokinen and is the trigger man on the Finnish power play, almost unheard of for an 18-year-old player at this event.

After a 4-0 win over Canada Tuesday, Laine finished

the preliminary round third in tournament scoring and the top point-producer for the tournament's lone undefeated team.

The Canada game was a big test for the Finnish teenager. It was by far the best competition either team had faced in the tournament and from the get-go it was

obvious that the Canadians were focused on trying to rattle Laine.

That strategy didn't work. Despite finishing off of the score sheet, Laine was consistently dangerous and showed he can handle the attention from top-end NHL players. TSN's Ray Ferraro, broadcasting in Russia, called it his best game of the tournament.

Jets GM Kevin Cheveldayoff and his staff are busy in Russia watching Laine and Kyle Connor (USA) who will join the team next year, as well as returning Jets players Mark Scheifele (CAN), Nikolaj Ehlers (DEN) and Marko Dano (SVK).

Cheveldayoff and the Jets' scouting team will certainly do their due diligence in reviewing every aspect of Laine and Puljujarvi and how they project to the pros before a final decision is made.

But after seeing Laine for a couple weeks in Russia playing with the big boys, Jets fans are sold on the young Finn.

There are still interviews and the NHL draft combine to take place so don't go buy that Jets No. 29 jersey just yet, but enjoy the rest of the tournament watching a young talent who could become a franchise player for the Winnipeg Jets.

## IN BRIEF

### Sevilla captures third consecutive Europa title

Sevilla stunned Liverpool with a 3-1 comeback win to take a record third straight Europa League title on Wednesday.

Swept aside in the first half yet trailing only 1-0, Sevilla equalized 18 seconds after the restart with Kevin Gameiro's goal from close range and Coke striking twice in the 64th and 70th minutes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Russia could face Olympic ban

The latest allegations of state-sponsored doping in Russia could lead to suspension of entire national federations, heavy fines and lifetime Olympic bans, IOC President Thomas Bach said Wednesday.

Bach declined to say whether the IOC would consider banning Russia entirely from this year's Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Judge stops NHL attempt to beat lawsuit

A federal judge has denied the NHL's latest attempt to throw out a class-action lawsuit by former players filed over head injuries.

The league argued the issues raised by former players were covered by the collective bargaining agreement with their union.

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# Relying on resiliency

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## Dinos in familiar spot having lost series opener

The Toronto Raptors have been here so many times, it's almost become their comfort zone.

The day after being throttled by Cleveland in the opener of their first-ever Eastern Conference final, the Raptors find themselves having to claw back from behind, and hope that recent history means something.

The Raptors dropped a horrific 115-84 decision to the Cavaliers on Tuesday night. But they've lost every Game 1 of this post-season, and are 6-0 in games after losses.

"I see these guys, I see it in their eyes, and we're a very resilient team and we always come back strong," general manager Masai Ujiri said.

"There are going to be blowout games, and in the playoffs, every single game is different."

"We just have a resilient team. These guys fight, they're going to have ups and downs, and I think they've fought through some down times

**LeBron James was 11-for-13 from the field in Game 1.** GETTY IMAGES



The Cavaliers held Raptors DeMar DeRozan, left, and Kyle Lowry to zero free throws in Game 1. Game 2 is on Thursday. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

in the playoffs and this year. They respond well."

Things couldn't go much worse than they did Tuesday at Quicken Loans Arena. One telling statistic: the Cavaliers held Toronto's all-stars Kyle Lowry and DeMar DeRozan to zero free throw attempts between them. In the 298 games that Lowry and DeRozan have played together, that had never happened.

"That's a phenomenal number," coach Dwane Casey said. "I'm not very good at math, but that's almost mathematically impossible

**"I guarantee you, our effort ... will be way better."**

DeMarre Carroll

as much as we drive and kick." Lowry had been so solid against the Cavaliers in their three regular-season games, averaging 31 points on 66 per cent shooting. But the scrappy point guard was held to just eight points Tuesday night.

Asked about that spark in the eye that Ujiri spoke of: "There's always a fire if you get your ass kicked like that."

"You gotta want to win," said Lowry. "We didn't just get here

to be like 'OK.' We want to win games. We want to compete. Our competitive nature as professionals, as NBA players is going to be at a high level."

DeMarre Carroll had arguably the toughest job of the night Tuesday in trying to contain LeBron James. The four-time NBA MVP blew by Carroll a few times, including on windmill dunk in the second quarter that was played over and over on Wednesday's highlight reels.

"He's a physical beast," Carroll said of James. "It's one of those things man, you've just gotta do what you can. I feel like I can do better, especially staying in front of him, try to make tough twos, but I see now that they tried to go straight to the post." THE CANADIAN PRESS

## MEMORIAL CUP

## Host Rebels hope rust isn't a factor

The Red Deer Rebels exited the Western Hockey League playoffs on a Friday night in late April, and on Monday morning, coach Brent Sutter ordered his players back to the gym.

There was no time to dwell on the disappointment of a third-round elimination at the hands of the Brandon Wheat Kings, the eventual league champions. The Rebels still had another chance at post-season glory in the Memorial Cup, a tournament they were hosting in less than a month.

"There was disappointment, but we hit the reset button and

prepared for the next challenge," Sutter said in a recent interview.

While Brandon was playing in the league final, the Rebels' past three weeks have consisted of off-ice workouts, team practices and trying to simulate as much game action as possible.

The four-team tournament that brings together the champions from the Ontario Hockey League, Quebec Major Junior Hockey League and Western

Hockey League, along with a host city, to battle for a national crown — will include the London Knights, Rouyn-Noranda Huskies, Brandon Wheat Kings and the Rebels.

Rarely is a host team successful at the Memorial Cup, especially if they've been waiting for the tournament to begin.

Seven of the last eight champions have also won their league titles, with the 2012 host

Shawinigan Cataractes being the only club to lift the trophy after bowing out in their league playoffs.

Red Deer finished the WHL regular season

sixth overall and made the Eastern Conference final while Brandon is No. 7 in the CHL rankings. No. 1 Rouyn-Noranda is making its Memorial Cup debut while No. 3 London is back for the fourth time in five years.

The Rebels will open the tournament Friday against London while Rouyn-Noranda and Brandon will play their first game Saturday. The final is set for May 29. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**"Every game is like a Game 7, every game is big."**

Red Deer defenceman Haydn Fleury

## MLB IN BRIEF

### Verlander racks up 2,000th strikeout, Tigers top Twins

Justin Verlander struck out 10 batters, including the 2,000th of his career, to help the Detroit Tigers beat the Minnesota Twins 6-3 on Wednesday.

The Tigers have won four straight, equalling a season high, after losing 11 of 12 games.

Verlander (3-4) allowed six hits and three runs over 7-1/3 innings.

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### A's Davis keeps his May power surge going

Khris Davis hit his fourth home run in two games, Danny Valencia drove in two and the Oakland Athletics completed a three-game sweep of the Texas Rangers with an 8-1 win on Wednesday.

Davis hit a solo home run in the sixth, a day after hitting three homers. He leads the majors with 10 home runs and 20 RBIs in May. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# RECIPE **Lemon Thyme Chicken Salad**



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**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
For Metro Canada

This summery salad is bountiful enough to satisfy the meat and potato lovers at your table.

**Ready in**  
Prep time: 15 minutes  
Cook time: 30 minutes

- Ingredients**
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
  - Juice of 1 large lemon
  - Zest of 1/2 lemon
  - 1 Tbsp of fresh chopped thyme
  - 3 chicken breasts
  - 6 cups sliced mixed greens
  - 2 cups small potatoes, halved, boiled and tossed with oil and salt
  - 4 soft boiled eggs, cut in half
  - 1 cup thinly sliced carrot
  - 1 cup halved cherry tomatoes
  - 1 cup diced cucumber
  - 1/2 cup shaved Asiago or Parmesan cheese
  - 1/4 cup diced green onion
  - 1/2 tsp fresh chopped thyme

## Directions

1. In a bowl, combine oil, lemon juice, zest and thyme. Pour into plastic bag. Add chicken to bag, seal and refrigerate for at least 15 minutes.
2. Arrange greens on a serving dish. Place potatoes, eggs, carrot, cherry tomatoes, cucumber and cheese in groups on top.
3. Heat grill to medium-high. Remove chicken and place and grill coated with cooking spray; grill 10 minutes or until browned. Turn chicken over; grill 15 minutes or until meat is done. Remove and let stand 10 minutes. Slice chicken into strips and place on top of salad.
4. Sprinkle the entire salad with green onions and fresh thyme. Serve with your favourite salad dressing.

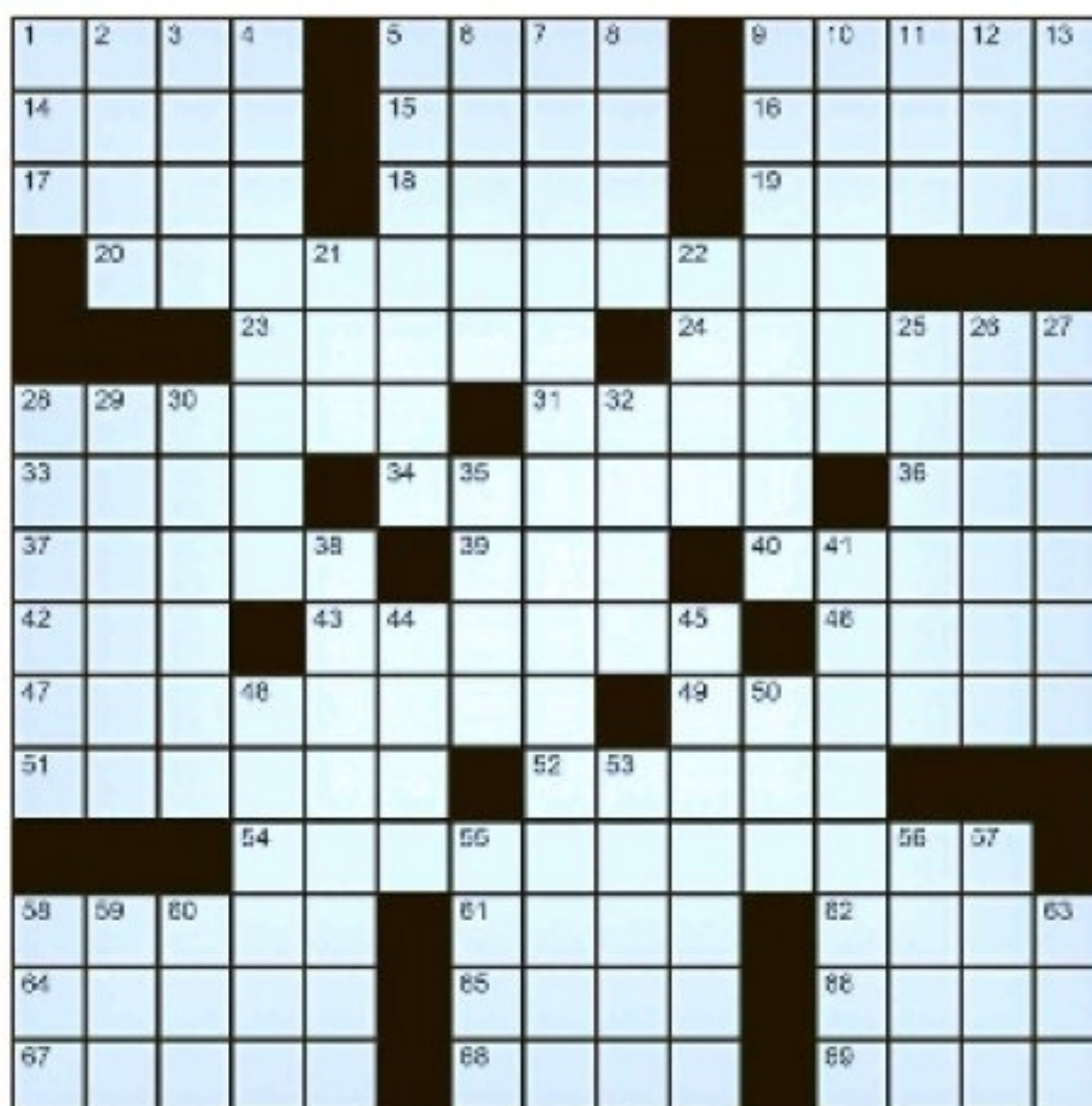
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## ACROSS

1. Poison rocker Mr. Michaels
5. "Feel My Face" by The Weeknd
9. "Time in a Bottle" singer Jim
14. "\_\_\_ & Stitch" (2002)
15. Pulitzer-winning writer James
16. Summer months in France
17. Marc \_\_\_ (Fashion designer)
18. 1899 to 1902 conflict, Second \_\_\_ War
19. Hog
20. One of the five 'Mother Sauces' of the culinary arts
23. Green hue
24. Creator of big screen monster Godzilla, Tomoyuki \_\_\_ (b.1910 - d.1997)
28. Wipe out
31. Lifts
33. Organic compound
34. Intense injury
36. She's opposite
37. Business days, acronymically
39. Passed in 1867, it made Canada [acronym]
40. Glistened
42. J.R.R. Tolkien creature
43. Out of commission because of an ailment: 2 wds.
46. "Mister Ed" actor Leon
47. Turkey's geographical locale: 2 wds.
49. Taking a prescription: 2 wds.



51. Model/actress Ms. Ebanks
52. Tourist's accommodation
54. Ontario: Musical now playing at the Stratford Festival: 3 wds.
58. Archie Bunker's wife
61. Canadian actress Fiona

62. Ho-hum
64. Bristly hairs
65. The Naked \_\_\_ (Goya painting)
66. Stick in one's \_\_\_ (Rankle)
67. "\_\_\_" Us (Chain store)
68. Red-covered

- cheese
69. Pull along

## DOWN

1. Wheat: French
2. In the money
3. Town in British Columbia's 'South Country'
4. Home contractor's

- accessory: 2 wds.
5. Broadway musical-turned-movie-of-1972
6. Torment
7. \_\_\_-\_\_\_ (Name of the grass emblem of Saskatchewan)
8. Prefix meaning 'Trillion'

9. Starch-extracted roots for tapioca
10. Ivanhoe's beloved
11. Not 'non'
12. Type of package [abbr.]
13. 'Legal' suffix (Lawyer-speak)
21. Permit
22. Thingy
25. Relaxed/comfortable: 2 wds.
26. Lamented
27. Evaluate
28. Devils
29. Main course
30. Like 'light' food
32. Lei-wearer's feast
35. Baseball stats.
38. The Bounty mutineer, \_\_\_ Christian
41. As per #54-Across... Music: Marvin \_\_\_ Lyrics: Edward Kleban
44. "Sooo soothing!" (Spa massage reaction)
45. WWII: Conference site in 1945 for The Big Three
48. Lariats
50. First word in Inferno by Dante
53. Mystifying game board
55. Elm: French
56. Ms. Ephron of screenplays
57. Biblical twin of Jacob's
58. "C"\_\_\_ la vie!"
59. God willing, \_\_\_ volente
60. 'Acid' suffix
63. Graduation bird

# ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Today your focus is on shared property and the wealth of others. Don't be envious, because it's just a waste of energy. Be glad you have what you have.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
You will have to go more than halfway when dealing with others today, because the Moon is opposite your sign. This happens for two days every month. No biggie.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Your involvement with a pet might be particularly important today. You feel concerned. It will please you to do something so that you feel better organized.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
This is a playful, fun-loving day. You might want to play hooky or take a long lunch. Sports events, social occasions and romantic excursions will appeal. Ooo la la.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
You need to cocoon at home or focus energy on your private life. Use this day to take a breather and pamper yourself among familiar surroundings.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
You have a need to relate to others today. This is why you want genuine, heart-to-heart discussions with people, not superficial chitchat about the weather.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Money and cash flow are a concern today. You don't like to discuss your finances with others, but you certainly think a lot about them. And today is one of those days.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Today the Moon is in Scorpio, which makes you a bit more emotional than usual. This happens for two days every month. Just chill.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
If you can sneak away and get some time alone today, this will please you. You need a moment to pull your act together before you take it on the road.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
A conversation with a female friend could be significant today. You might discuss goals, future dreams or how to move forward with organizational plans.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
You feel restless and eager for something different today. Therefore, indulge this need. Go someplace you've never been before. Explore your world. Shake it up a little.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Stay on top of banking, debt, taxes and all that red-tape stuff. Information is power, especially when it comes to your own personal finances. Know what's happening.

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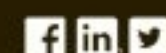
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